

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2006
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 PM in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Nancy Atkinson, Bill Grady, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiver, Mark Steffen, Scott Guenther and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Linda Schaeffer was in attendance for City Attorney Frank Wichmann.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Link adjusted item #36 Municipal Order number should be 2006-04 not 03. Mr. Guenther suggested moving the Shoppes of Edgewood discussion up on the agenda as well as the ordinances associated with that discussion; it'll be item #4.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the June 5, 2006 minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayors Report – Mayor Link reported that we hosted the Mayors Group meeting here at our new facility this past weekend. The city yard sale was held on June 17th; it was very well attended.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes reported that people are stumbling on the steps/tiers in the training room so we temporarily put black and yellow-stripped tape on the edges of the steps to make it more visible but we ultimately need to find a long term solution. The city auction will be held on August 5th. A list will be compiled and distributed later.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Shoppes of Edgewood zone change request – a zone change request has been made by Shoppes of Edgewood, LLC for the property located at Sperti Drive and Dudley Road. They're requesting to reclassify an approximate five-acre area from IP to HC zone. Mr. Rolfes stated that he, Stan Goetz, and Hank Fedders – KZF Engineering met at the intersection of Dudley and KY 17 and determined there was enough right-of-way to add a lane on Dudley Road if that was council's choice. Mr. Fedders stated that if the city did add the lane the city then might need an easement for drainage. Mr. Rolfes suggested to council to incorporate that easement as a condition if council decided to approve the zone change. A traffic study was received just this afternoon and was distributed to council. In Mr. Rolfes'

opinion, at this time, the addition of a second left turn lane on Dudley Road is not a good idea. Primarily because if there are two lanes coming off of Dudley and a lot of those people are going to be trying to get on the expressway there is a short distance to get the two lanes into one lane and then move over one more lane to make the left turn onto the expressway; it would not be a good traffic situation. It would be something to look at later if the state would put in an additional left turn lane for the expressway.

Doug Armbruster, property owner, introduced Don Stegman with Cardinal Engineering. Mr. Stegman reviewed a traffic study of Dudley Road and KY 17 that was conducted by the Edwards and Kelcey firm. He was advised by the state that when people are traveling north on KY 17 and turning left onto eastbound 275 once that light turns green it then turns green for the Dudley Road traffic at the same time. The state thought that would be a good solution for Dudley Road but they'll look at it again.

Mr. Armbruster stated that when the Turkeyfoot Road construction is completed it might eliminate some traffic that is using northbound KY 17 to avoid the construction. Mr. Schreiver stated that he thinks the problem is still with the light at 17 & 275; if that can be fixed it may take care of the backups. He further stated that he didn't think the cost is too great that if in the future the city had to put in the additional left turn lane the city could afford to do it.

Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to approve the zone change for the Shoppes of Edgewood on the Edgewood property on Dudley at KY 17 with the stipulation that the owners/developers would provide the easement necessary for a draining ditch at such a time it becomes necessary; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.** With that stipulation another ordinance will be drafted and first reading will take place on July 3, 2006. Mr. Rolfes will have the city engineer obtain the easement information to place in the ordinance.

Facilities Update – Mr. Rolfes stated that we had another inspection and 11 items still need to be addressed. Some items have been changed and we're trying to get them resolved. Mr. Rolfes advised that a drop box has been installed. It is located to the right of the main entrance of the building. He also advised council to drop off anything they would like to see go in the time capsule.

Medical Insurance – Mr. Rolfes received a proposal without a quote from John Alden Insurance as requested by council. We're still waiting on the numbers. They presented two proposals with a 10% coinsurance in addition to deductibles comparable to what we're looking at with our current carrier. The 10% coinsurance is a big concern because if someone is hospitalized the bill could be very high for the employee and it could wipe out our reimbursement program. Therefore, Mr. Rolfes wouldn't recommend the plan and asked to allow the city to proceed with what we have. There is an issue with responsiveness with John Alden Insurance, which is a concern, and another company has recently purchased them. Mr. Schreiver believes the concern over the coinsurance is unfounded. He stated a person would pay 90% of the bill up until they reach the deductible amount and then when the deductible is reached the rest is covered 100%. Mr. Rolfes stated the plan we have chosen through United Healthcare has 100% coinsurance with a deductible. As he understands it an employee would pay the first \$2000, if that's the amount of the deductible, and then the insurance company would pay the remaining 100%. Mr. Rolfes said it was explained to him that with John Alden Ins. an employee would have a \$2000 deductible once that is paid the employee would still be responsible for the remaining 10% of the bill. Mr.

Schreiver believes that is incorrect. After reviewing the proposal, Mr. Rolfes stated that the deductible is \$2000, 90% coinsurance and \$4500 out of pocket expense, which includes the deductible, so an employee could get another \$2500 in coinsurance that should stop at \$4500, so it possibly could cap at \$4500. Mr. Schreiver stated that the \$4500 is still higher than what we currently have. The city will continue with United Healthcare coverage.

Business License Tax Report – Mr. Rolfes stated we're still obtaining information. He asked the county how many licensed holders are in Edgewood, they reported 2367 and 1286 have gross receipts less than \$5000 and 754 have less than \$500 in gross receipts. Our last report from the County contained 754 responses and we tried to project which were under \$5000 and \$500 in gross receipts based on the actual breakdown that were counted. This method projected numbers that appeared to be incorrect. We requested that the County give us a breakdown for those under \$5000 and \$500 in gross receipts. As soon as the data is received it'll be passed on.

Soccer Field – Mr. Rolfes reported that we received three proposals from landscape companies as requested by council for repairs to the soccer field. One proposal was for sports sod at \$56,000; another bid was for artificial turf for \$175,000 and another bid was received for \$17,690 but the bid didn't specify what kind of treatment they were providing; Mr. Goetz believes it is for seeding but he is verifying that. Mr. Spears felt that the quote for the artificial turf wasn't as expensive as he thought it might be. Mr. Steffen agreed about the cost. It is expensive but not as much as thought and when you compare it to how many times we have seeded and sodded the field to no avail. The artificial turf would have an eight-year warranty. Mr. Spears recommended contacting David Schulte with Dixie Soccer to inquire about their needs. Mr. Steffen also recommended asking Dixie Soccer to assist with funding. Mr. Guenther would also like to obtain a quote for maintaining the field on an annual basis and factor that in the cost of the field. Mr. Rolfes recommended that if we chose to put in the artificial turf that the field should be fenced in to restrict access to it and to help keep it from being vandalized.

Mr. Steffen stated that the youth football league was able to sell the artificial turf idea to the County at Mills Road Park by charging an admission fee to their games and that money goes to the County for the field and maintenance. Mr. Guenther stated that we have enough kids in Edgewood that play soccer and it's reasonable for Dixie Soccer to expect the city to provide one good soccer field and he didn't know if it necessarily needs to be AstroTurf. Mrs. Atkinson said if we did decide to go with the AstroTurf it would definitely have to be protected and closed off. Mr. Steffen said he would talk to David Schulte to get their ideas. Mrs. Atkinson suggested selling classy advertising to help fund the field. Mr. Rolfes said we could probably finance the cost and get the payments down to a fairly reasonable number that we could possibly raise that kind of money every year and pay it off in 8 or 10 years. Mr. Goetz will continue to obtain more estimates and report back later.

Mayor Link moved ordinance #2006-06-09 up on the agenda due to Jack Kern with Rumpke being present and needing to leave. The ordinance is for waste collection fees for FY 2007/2008 – 1st reading. Ms. Schaeffer read the ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, INCREASING THE ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AND FEE FROM \$156.60 TO \$182.76.**

Also read Municipal Order 2006-03 accepting the bid of Rumpke for waste collection. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve Municipal Order 2006-03; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Henson stated to the Mr. Kern that he had several

residents call him about Saturday morning pickups starting as early at 6:30 a.m. and this contract calls for starting no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and asked that they made sure they'll abide by that time. Mr. Kern said he would pass that on to their operations department and thanked the city for the continuing business.

NEW BUSINESS

Cancel July 3, 2006 council meeting due to the holiday – Meeting was not cancelled.

Shredder for police department – Mr. Rolfes stated that Chief Kramer has requested to purchase a substantial shredder for \$1,500 from their contingency funds if he cannot cover the entire cost from his current budget. Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Henson agreed that that is too expensive. Mr. Henson saw good shredders online for \$720. Lieutenant Rob Bayer stated that it is needed for the sensitive confidential documents and reports that must be disposed of that contain social security numbers, names, etc. The current shredder in the administration office can only hold a couple of pieces of paper at a time. A commercial shredder would also shred cd's, credit cards, etc. The police department needs to shred their documents before burning them. Mr. Rolfes said the other departments would also be able to use this shredder. Mayor Link asked Lt. Bayer to get specifications on the unit they're looking at and report back later.

Property and Casualty Insurance – Mr. Rolfes obtained another quote for property insurance due to KLC not covering events and their premium renewal was \$171,461. Steve Hatfield with Hatfield Insurance provided a quote from EMC Insurance for \$104,930 and they would cover the events that KLC wouldn't cover. They also provide more coverage than we currently have. Mr. Rolfes recommended to council to accept the proposal from EMC Insurance. Mr. Spears made a **motion** to accept the proposal from EMC Insurance; second by Mrs. Atkinson. Mr. Guenther abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2006-06-05 Amend occupational tax ordinance (\$500 receipts) – 2nd reading. Ordinance was deferred as discussed earlier.

Ordinance 2006-06-05 Amend occupational tax ordinance (\$5000 receipts) – 1st reading. Council agreed to have 1st reading. Ms. Schaeffer read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, IN REGARD TO OCCUPATIONAL TAXES.

Ordinance 2006-06-07 Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Budget – 2nd Reading. Mrs. Schaeffer read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2007. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2006-06-07; second by Mr. Steffen. Mr. Grady and Mr. Spears voted nay. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 nays.**

Municipal Order 2006-04 pocket park grant match – Mr. Rolfes stated that we have talked about tearing down the house on the corner of Dudley and Edge Mar that the city owns. There is a land and water conservation grant that's still open until July 1st. We intend to apply for the grant and use those funds to apply it to the overall project for that property.

The plan is to erect a 10'x10' oval shaped gazebo, install a drinking fountain and some other minor amenities and terrace it off where the front foundation wall of the house is to the level it is in the back and put in some pervious parking. The parking would give us overflow parking for the city building if it is needed; an additional 12 – 15 spots. In order to pursue the grant we have to agree to pay half of the project, which is estimated at \$109,000. Mr. Guenther said he would like to put the house on the market for a short time. If it doesn't sell in a short time period then he wouldn't be opposed to going with the pocket park. Mr. Schreiver stated that the house doesn't look good on that lot next to the city building. The city building construction did cross the property line, which would have to be amended. Mr. Schreiver said if the city can't get any help with the pervious parking then the city couldn't spend \$15,000 for 15 parking spaces. Mrs. Atkinson brought up the substantial structural issues with the house; there are fairly substantial cracks throughout. There are plumbing and electrical issues as well. Mr. Steffen also agreed with Mr. Schreiver in regards to the parking lot. Council agreed to approve the municipal order and apply for the grant because of the deadline but may decide later to do something else with the property. Mr. Schreiver stated there is a really nice pocket park in Ft. Thomas on the corner of Grand Ave and Highland and recommended we look at it if we decide to go with the pocket park. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt municipal order 2006-04; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.** Mr. Rolfes stated that we'll look into some options in the meantime.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join Officer Milligan for open play basketball at Freedom Park every Monday and Thursday evening through June 29 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. for children 12 and under.
- Tuesday Evening Concert Schedule: June 20th Robin Lacy & Dezydeco and June 27th Lee's Junction Big Band. Concerts will be held at Presidents Park at 7 p.m.
- 4th of July festivities begin with 5K Race at 8 a.m.; parade at 9:30 a.m.; and fireworks at dusk at Freedom Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: _____